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SUMMARY NO. 1 (APRIL 22-27)

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1. HIGHLIGHTS: WHILE THE EXPECTED POLITICKING IN THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCY REGISTRATION BOARD (IFRB) ELECTION AREA TOOK PLACE ALL OF FIRST WEEK OF THE WMARC, SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE MINIMAL AS REGARDS OTHER ASPECTS CONFERENCE WORK. THERE WERE EARLY ATTEMPTS TO DISCUSS "BROAD PRINCIPLES" AT PLENARY LEVEL OR AT MAJOR COMMITTEE LEVEL WITH INTENTION OF GUIDING CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS. MOST SUCH ATTEMPTS WERE IN FORM OF STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING TELEPHONY AT EXPENSE OF TELEGRAPHY IN SPECTRUM AREA. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS AN EARLY ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE MAJOR COMMITTEE TO START WORK IMMEDIATELY ON RE-DRAFTING APPENDIX 25.

2. U.S. DELEGATION ARGUED SUCCESSFULLY (A) THAT THERE WERE CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRING ADVICE OF TECHNICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERTS BEFORE PRINCIPLES COULD BE ESTABLISHED AND (B)

THAT THE NEEDS OF BOTH TELEGRAPHY AND TELEPHONY MUST BE REVIEWED BEFORE FAVORING ONE OVER THE OTHER. THE CONFERENCE THEN DROPPED IDEA OF A SEPARATE MAJOR COMMITTEE FOR RE-DRAFTING APPENDIX 25 (ALLOTMENT PLAN FOR COAST RADIOTELEPHONE STATIONS) AND THEN WENT ON TO DECIDE THAT ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY ADMINISTRATIONS SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES FOR STUDY. AS A RESULT, BY WEEK'S END CONFERENCE'S WORK WAS ALREADY PROCEEDING AT WORKING GROUP LEVEL IN MANY CASES. END HIGHLIGHTS.

3. FOR CONVENIENCE, GIVEN BELOW IS LIST OF CONFERENCE/ COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP ASSIGNMENTS AGREED UPON AT CONFERENCE SO FAR, FOLLOWED, IN CASE OF COMMITTEES, BY NAME OF U.S. SPOKESMAN:

A. CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN: R.M. BILLINGTON (UK).

U.S. SPOKESMAN: COMMISSIONER R.E. LEE.

C. COMMITTEE 2 - CREDENTIALS: S.H. BUTLER (LIBERIA)

U.S. SPOKESMAN: R.C. REIS, JR.

D. COMMITTEE 3 - BUDGET CONTROL: JANOS SZEKELY (HUNGARY)

U.S. SPOKESMAN: RUPERT PROHME.

E. COMMITTEE 4 - RADIOTELEGRAPHY: V.R.Y. WINKLEMAN (NETHERLANDS) - U.S. SPOKESMAN: R.E. SIMONDS.

F. WORKING GROUP (WG) 4A - MARITIME BANDS BETWEEN 4 AND 27.5 MHZ: W.M. DUNELL (UK).

G. WG 4B - NARROW BAND DIRECT PRINTING AND SELECTIVE CALLING: M.O. LUNDBERG (SWEDEN).

H. WG 4C - MISCELLANEOUS: CHAIRMAN NOT YET NAMED.

I. COMMITTEE 5 - RADIOTELEPHONY: O.J. HAGA (NORWAY)

U.S. SPOKESMAN: E.M. GLUNT.

J. WG 5A - RADIOTELEPHONY ON MARITIME BANDS BETWEEN 1605 AND 4000 KHZ: JEAN PIPONNIER (FRANCE).

K. WG 5B- RADIOTELEPHONY ON MARITIME BANDS BETWEEN 4 AND 27.5 EXCEPT THOSE COVERED IN ARTICLE 9 AND APPENDIX 25 MOD OF RADIO REGULATIONS (RR): EBERHARD GEORGE (FRG).

L. WG 5C - REVISED ALLOTMENT PLAN FOR HIGH FREQUENCY (HF) RADIOTELEPHONE COAST STATIONS: P.D. BARNES (AUSTRALIA).

M. WG 5D - MARITIME VERY HIGH FREQUENCY (VHF) BANDS: J.E. OGLE (US).

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N. JOINT WORKING GROUP 4A/5E - POSSIBLE RELINQUISHMENT OF RADIOTELEGRAPH FREQUENCIES FOR RADIO TELEPHONE USE: W.M. DUNELL (UK).

O. COMMITTEE 6: OPERATION: W.W. SCOTT (CANADA)

U.S. SPOKESMAN: G.F. HEMPTON.

P. WG 6A - OPERATIONAL MATTERS INCLUDING CERTIFICATES, SELECTIVE CALLING, WORKING HOURS, AND OTHER MATTERS: H.S. YOUNG (AUSTRALIA).

Q. WG 6B - DISTRESS AND SAFETY: W.T. ADAMS (US).
R. WG 6C - ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES: M.O. MEREDITH (UK).
S. COMMITTEE 7 - EDITORIAL: PAUL CHASPOUL (FRANCE)
U.S. SPOKESMAN: R.E. SHRUM.

4. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS AT COMMITTEE/
WORKING GROUP LEVELS:

5. STEERING COMMITTEE (1) CONCENTRATED ON NORMAL
ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

6. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (2) HAS RECEIVED CREDENTIALS
OF ABOUT 50 DELEGATIONS. AT FIRST MEETING APRIL 25,
COMMITTEE APPOINTED WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF USSR,
FRANCE, JAPAN, ARGENTINA, AND GHANA TO DETERMINE
WHETHER CREDENTIALS MEET CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN MONTREUX
CONVENTION, 1965. NO POLITICAL ISSUES RAISED AT MEETING.
WG TO REPORT TO COMMITTEE 2 APRIL 29 ON VALIDITY OF
GRANT OF PROXY VOTING AND SIGNING POWERS FROM EGYPT TO
MOROCCO, FROM LUXEMBOURG TO BELGIUM, AND FROM CENTRAL
AFRICAN REPUBLIC TO CAMEROON.

7. BUDGET CONTROL COMMITTEE (3); NO ACTIVITY.

8. RADIOTELEGRAPHY COMMITTEE (4). JOINT WORKING GROUP
4A/5E ESTABLISHED EARLY IN WEEK TO CONSIDER REVISION OF
SUB-BANDS FOR VARIOUS SERVICES IN HIGH FREQUENCY (HF)

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MARITIME MOBILE BANDS. GROUP TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO CONSIDERATION OF AMOUNT OF SPACE IF ANY THAT CAN BE PROVIDED FOR ADDITIONAL RADIOTELEPHONE USE. MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS SPEAKING AGREED ON NEED FOR MORE TELEPHONE CHANNELS. DETERMINATION NOT YET MADE HOW THEY ARE TO BE DERIVED. COMMITTEE 4 DISCUSSED PROPOSALS FOR NARROW BAND DIRECT PRINTING (NBDP) TELEGRAPHY PRIOR TO TURNING THIS SUBJECT OVER TO WG 4B.

9. RADIOTELEGRAPHY COMMITTEE (5) ESTABLISHED FOUR WORKING GROUPS AND AGREED TO SETTING UP OF JOINT WORKING GROUP 4A/5E. FIRST MEETING OF WG 5B DISCUSSED SPACING OF SINGLE SIDE BAND (SSB) HF CHANNELS, WITH PROPOSALS VARYING FROM 3.0 KHZ TO PRESENT 3.1/3.2/3.5 KHZ. US AND USSR BLOCKED ATTEMPT TO ADOPT 3.1 KHZ WITH FORMER RECOMMENDING THAT MATTER BE REFERRED TO JOINT WG 4A/5E. US INSISTED ON SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS SO THAT DELEGATES ON WG 5A COULD ATTEND MEETINGS OF JOINT WG 4A/TE. ORIGINAL RULING BY CHAIR IN OUR FAVOR CHALLENGED BY ALGERIA BUT CHAIR'S DECISION UPHELD 27-19. NORWAY INDICATED IT USING HF AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) FREQUENCIES FOR MARITIME MOBILE PURPOSES AND THERE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATIONS OTHER MARITIME USERS WILL CONSIDER USE OF AERONAUTICAL MOBILE FREQUENCIES IN FUTURE.

10. OPERATION COMMITTEE (6) MET APRIL 24 AND ESTABLISHED WORKING GROUPS. AT MEETINGS OF WG 6A AND WG 6B APRIL 26, UK, FRANCE, AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA) CHALLENGED COMPETENCE OF CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER U.S. PROPOSALS ON SATELLITE MATTERS AND RADIO OPERATORS CERTIFICATES AFFECTING OTHER SERVICES; ISSUE STILL UNRESOLVED. INITIAL WG 6C MEETING FOCUSED ON PROPOSALS IN RE ARTICLE 40 THAT ADMINISTRATIONS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. U.S. DELEGATION FLATLY OPPOSED SUCH PROVISION AND IS CLEARLY IN MINORITY POSITION.

11. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE (7): NO ACTIVITY. DALE

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